12th December 1923]

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Sir, I wish to answer the question seriatim—

(a) & (b) Attention of the Government has been drawn to it by the hon. Member (Mr. T. Adinarayana Chetti) who forwarded to me a copy of the judgment.

(c) On the facts as disclosed in the judgment and otherwise, he had jurisdiction.

(d) There was no question of allowing him to go and they did not play any part in this matter.

(e) Government have no actual information on the matter beyond what they gather from the judgment itself from which it is evident that notice was served on him on the 20th July 1923.

(f) Yes, it was apprehended that there was a danger to the public peace at Uttamapalaiyam having regard to the speeches of Mr. Varadarajulu Nayudu that he invited Japan to invade India and that in the cold weather it was necessary to have riots so that Europeans might notice the feeling there.

(g) Admission was public and both those speeches were taken in short-hand.

(h) Under the circumstances the Government do not propose to remit the unexpired portion of his sentence.

(i) & (j) Enquiries will be made."

II

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The SECRETARY laid on the table* a copy of a 'note for the Excise Advisory Committee' prepared by the hon. the Minister for Excise.

(2)

The SECRETARY laid on the table† the proceedings of the sixth meeting of the Finance Committee for 1923–24, dated 3rd December 1923.

III

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :— " I have to inform the House that the following seven gentlemen were nominated for election as members of the Committee on Public Accounts :—

The Raja of Ramnad.	Mr. R. Srinivasan.
Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.	,, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar.
,, B. Mahabala Hegde.	,, Abbas Ali Khan.
,, P. N. Marthandam Pillai.	

As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., seven, I hereby declare the abovementioned gentlemen to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the Regulations for holding of elections by means of Single Transferable Vote."

* Printed as Appendix A on pages 363-370 infra.
† Printed as Appendix B on pages 371-373 infra.